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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/May 20-31, 2004

HOLIDAY TRAVEL ALERT: Most construction work will be suspended by noon on Friday, May 28 in anticipation of increased holiday traffic. Most of the other projects underway on state highways in the Eastern Region will not affect Memorial Day weekend holiday travel, with the exception of paving on SR 28 near Harrington and the widening work on I-90 east of Spokane.

NEW!! SR 28/Harrington to Davenport (MP 117-130)-Work should be underway by Monday, May 24th on this resurfacing project in Lincoln County. Crews will be working on preliminary items this week with possible lane restrictions and short delays. Paving work should start on Thursday, May 27 with flaggers and pilot cars directing single lane traffic. Paving will be underway all day on Friday May 28.

NEW!! VERY HIGH IMPACT!! SR 206 (Mt. Spokane Park Drive)/Bruce Road to the State Park Entrance (MP 4-15)- Work will commence on Monday, May 24 on this paving project. This work will take about five days. Paving work can be expected to last from about 6:00 a.m. to around 6:00 p.m. with traffic being controlled by flaggers and a pilot car. Delays of 15 to 20 minutes should be expected, however in some locations north of Mt. Carlton Rd. at milepost 10, longer delays of up to 25 minutes may be encountered. This same section will be chip-sealed later this summer.

NEW!! HIGH IMPACT!! Westbound I-90/Sunset Hill (MP 279)-On Saturday, (5/22), from about 4 a.m. to 10 a.m., WSDOT crews will be working on an overhead sign on westbound I-90 in the vicinity of the Sunset Hill. Westbound I-90 will be reduced to one through lane and one auxiliary lane. Motorists should expect slow traffic, congestion, and possible delays.

NEW!! SR 902/I-90 (Salnave Rd. Interchange) to Lakeland Village (MP 0-4)-Depending on weather, asphalt crack sealing may be underway for one day on Thursday, May 27. Possible intermittent short delays.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Tokio to the Lincoln County Line (MP 231-239)- Paving is complete. Remaining work includes guardrail, signs, striping, and recessed pavement markers. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit is reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect.

Westbound I-90/SR 904 Interchange (MP 270)-Today (5/20), from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., WSDOT Maintenance crews will be working on the SR 904 interchange bridge. Westbound I-90 will be reduced to one lane. Westbound motorists may see slow traffic and possible congestion.

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HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Adams County Line to Spokane County Line (MP 239-255)- On Monday at 3 p.m., May 24, the westbound Sprague Lake Rest Area will be closed. This is needed as a safety measure to ensure that the rest area is vacant for adjacent rock blasting on Tuesday morning around 6:00 a.m. The rest area should reopen by 8 a.m. In addition, on other days, rock blasting will be underway in other locations between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Traffic on I-90 will be stopped for approximately 10-15 minutes when blasting operations are underway. Paving is complete. Remaining items include guardrail, electrical, earthwork, and drainage items. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit is reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect.

I-90/ITS (Cameras & Variable Message Sign) (MP 284)-Some intermittent short lane restrictions on Sprague Avenue between Freya Street and Division Street. Crews will be completing minor items in the fiber optic cable along those streets. No freeway impacts.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)- Work will not impact freeway traffic. Travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders will be 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be **extremely alert** within this work zone. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

SR 127/Central Ferry to Church Hill Rd. (MP 10-18)- Paving is complete. Remaining work includes guardrail, signs, striping, and recessed pavement markers. The highway may be reduced to a single-lane with flaggers and pilot cars directing traffic with some delays.

VERY HIGH IMPACT!! SR 291/Spokane County Line to Wylie Drive (MP 11-14)-Paving continues today (5/20) and Friday on this 3 ½-mile section of highway between the communities of Nine Mile and Suncrest. Work should wrap up tomorrow (5/21). Motorists should expect congestion and delays up to 40 minutes with flaggers and pilot cars directing single lane traffic. Drivers should allow extra time to get through this work zone especially during the morning commute period when traffic in this area is very heavy.

US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges- Soil compaction work for new bridge supports will be underway. Nearby residents may experience noise and vibration from the equipment. Farwell Road traffic is now detoured slightly to the north to accommodate bridge construction. No main highway traffic impacts.

SR 21/Clark Street in Republic (MP 303)-City street work underway. This is a City of Republic project. Contact (509) 775-2929.

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